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LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT SEATTLE DURING MARCH

During March, the United States halibut fleet landed 274,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$14,000, at Seattle as the result of 27 trips to North Pacific grounds. In March 1940, a total of 66,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$4,000; however, no sablefish were landed during that month.

Species landed in March 1941 included 42,000 pounds of sablefish, 153,000 pounds of "lingcod", and 79,000 pounds of rockfishes, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

For the first three months of 1941, halibut fleet landings total 749,000 pounds, valued at \$42,000. Compared with 674,000 pounds, worth \$31,000, for the same period in 1940, this represents an increase of 75,000 pounds in volume, and \$11,000 in value.

There were no landings of halibut during the first three months of 1941. The halibut season opened April 1, and the first catch was landed at Seattle on April 5.

Receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 1,523,000 pounds, valued at

\$104,000, spread among 18 classifications. Compared with 1,240,000 pounds, worth \$57,000, received during March 1940, this represents an increase in volume of only 283,000 pounds, or 23 percent, but \$47,000, or 82 percent, in value.

Total receipts for the first three months of 1941 amount to 3,800,000 pounds, valued at \$241,000. Compared with a total of 3,365,000 pounds, worth \$165,000, for the same three months in 1940, this indicates an increase of 435,000 pounds in volume, and \$76,000 in value.

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